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In re the Application of

Inventors: Robert William Cunningham

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For: NEW TEST DEVICE FOR MASS SCREENING

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002, Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time and requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 27-31 remain pending herein.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

(1) Claims 1-25 and 27-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over the combination of